Citizens Clean Elections Commission Executive Director Report March 27, 2006 (For the 3/30/06 meeting)

Announcements

- I am looking into an issue raised by a candidate regarding the value of voter lists provided by the parties to candidates.
- Thanks to Genevra Richardson for her service to the Commission. We wish her luck in her new lobbyist position.
- We are working with the Office of the Secretary of State on a software issue regarding the excel spreadsheets and reporting \$5 contribution activity on the CFR.

Participation

We currently have **130** participating candidates for the 2006 election cycle. Tom Horne, Supt of Public Instruction, just received funding and Albert Melvin, Senate District 26 is pending.

Budget

• The Fund Balance is \$27.38 million as of February 28, 2006.

Voter Education

- Participating candidate workshop ads continue to run weekly in The Capitol Times and the postcards continue to be sent out on a regular basis.
- As of 3/22/06 we have held 20 participating candidate and treasurer workshops. Three out of town workshops have been held: in Flagstaff, Kingman, and Tucson.
- We have 12 debate sponsors with the recent addition of Pima Community College (for districts 27, 28, 29). All statewide races have sponsors and only 9 (soon 6) legislative districts still need sponsors. We are actively recruiting for those remaining districts.
- On April 3rd candidates will have the availability to input their 200-word statement for the 2006 Primary Candidate Statement Pamphlet. We will be notifying all candidates that they have until June 14, 2006 to go to the Commission's website and input their statement. We also anticipate running ads in the Capitol Times, and placing copies of the notice at the Secretary of State's Office.

Enforcement

Enforcement tracking spreadsheet will be included in the packets for more detail. Here are the updated totals:

- 2006 2 complaints filed and no action was taken. I will be reviewing the 2006 complaints as they arise.
- 2004 81 complaints total.
 - o 1 under investigation (Murphy).
 - o 1 investigation complete, matters outstanding (Hammann)
 - o 79 completed and closed.

AGENDA ITEM III